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# UMC Receives \$1.4 Million Grant

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston Student Support Services (SSS) program has received 1.4 million dollars in federal funding from the Department of Education to continue services for the next four years. This is the third, four-year grant cycle for which UMC has received SSS funding. UMC's program is designed to provide personalized academic assistance to low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities through services such as tutoring, study skills assistance, workshops, and cultural events. UMC's CEO, Joe Massey is pleased with the news, "The program is an invaluable resource to our students. It is a program used by many of them, and we are grateful for the funding to help us continue to offer these services at UMC."

Student Support Services coordinates with other campus units and community agencies to ensure member student progress and ultimate success. The program employs six professional staff and approximately 45 peer tutors. Dr. Rand Rasmussen is the director of the program which is located in Owen 270.

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